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SUBJECT: PAN-AFRICAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

REF: DAKAR 2045 (NOTAL)

1. PAN-AFRICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT HELD CONFERENCE IN CONAKRY FROM APRIL 2-7, COINCIDING WITH 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF GUINEAN YOUTH MOVEMENT. COMPLETE LIST OF DELEGATIONS NOT PUBLISHED, BUT ACCORDING TO A SENIOR AFRICAN DIPLOMAT HERE PARTICIPATION WAS LIMITED TO ABOUT 30 REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES SELECTED BY GOG TO BE INVITED. THERE WERE ALSO DELEGATIONS FROM CAMBODIA'S GRUNK AND OTHER THIRD WORLD GROUPS. SWAPO PRESIDENT SAN NUGOMA AND POTLAKO K. LEBALLO, "INTERIM PRESIDENT OF PAN-AFRICAN CONFERENCE OF AZANIA," ALSO ATTENDED AND WERE GIVEN MUCH LOCAL PUBLICITY.

2. MAIN EVENT OF CONFERENCE WAS STADIUM RALLY INVOLVING SEVERAL THOUSAND GUINEANS, FOR BRIEF SPEECHES BY TOGOLESE PAN-AFRICAN YOUTH SECRETARY-GENERAL AND BY GUINEAN PRESIDENT TOURE. TOURE SPEECH WAS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH REJECTION OF IDEA OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN BLACK AFRICA AND SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. THIS WAS

ALSO MAIN THEME OF WORKING SESSIONS OF CONFERENCES. RESOLUTIONS ON AFRICAN LIBERATION AND OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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QUESTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY THE DELEGATES BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED.

3. COMMENT: GENERALLY THIS CONFERENCE WAS A GUINEAN PROJECT,
DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE TOURE'S IMAGE AS A PAN-AFRICAN LEADER,
AND SHOULD HAVE LITTLE LONG-TERM INFLUENCE ON AFRICAN UNTIY OR
ANY OF THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WHICH WERE CONSIDERED BY TOURE
AND THE DELEGATES DURING THE CONFERENCE.
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